

**WALDO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SESSION  
(SPECIAL SESSION)  
DECEMBER 9, 2010**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Amy R. Fowler, Donald P. Berry and William D. Shorey. Also present was County Clerk Barbara L. Arseneau.

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Berry called the court session to order at 8:35 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to enter Executive Session according to M.R.S.R. Title 1 §405 6 (E) for a consultation with legal counsel concerning legal matters pertaining to the County's Health Insurance Plan at 8:35 a.m.**

**\*\*W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler seconded to come out of Executive Session at 8:58 a.m.  
Unanimous.**

No action was taken.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. STATE COURTHOUSE STUDY: B. Arseneau submitted copies of an E-mail message from State Court Facilities Director Jeff Henthorn that was received this morning. She informed the Commissioners that Mr. Henthorn had contacted her by telephone late yesterday afternoon to explain that the goal was to keep the cost of the study to identify the courthouse systems, space, etc. at \$25,000.00 or less, noting that half would be paid by the State and half by the County, as agreed. He recommended considering hiring Mark Wilcox, principal with Winton Scott Architects, as he has worked with this firm before, they have done work for courthouses and are, therefore, familiar with courts and the "circulation zones" of people within these buildings. He recommended that the Commissioners meet with Mr. Wilcox and him in either December, with some dates provided, or January; whichever worked with the Commissioners' schedule.

After brief consideration and discussion together with Commissioner Berry, who has been involved in discussions on this study with Mr. Henthorn, Facilities Manager Keith Nealley and Clerk of Courts Terri Curtis, the Commissioners all agreed to move this to sometime in February, noting that the January Commissioners' Court Session agenda would be very full already. Should this be too far off, the Commissioners agreed to consider holding a second court session in January to meet with the architect and Mr. Henthorn.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE CLOSURE: B. Arseneau requested that the Commissioners/Treasurer's Offices be allowed to be closed for half-days at some point in January. It was not possible to identify those dates at this time, with ongoing union negotiations, a new Commissioner coming on board, etc. The Commissioners agreed to consider this when she could provide some dates.

**MSCCELLANEOUS COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS:**

1. SELLING LAND: W. Shorey brought up the subject of the County's one-hundred-acre property off Little River Drive (listed in the Registry of Deeds in Book 2583, page 194). He stated that he was in favor of making a decision to sell the land, but would still like to take a group in the spring to look at the land to determine whether a small section should be retained by the County

rather than selling the entire thing. He believed this would allow some time to consider some options.

**\*\*W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler seconded to sell the County property off Little River Drive (Registry of Deeds Book 2583, page 194) reserving the right to retain a portion of it.**

Discussion: W. Shorey said he believed the survey should be reviewed, the property should be viewed by a group, and it should be determined whether or not a portion of it should be kept by the County. **Unanimous.**

2. NAMING PROPOSED NEW EOC/SHERIFF'S BUILDING:

**\*\*W. Shorey moved to accept recommendations from both the Sheriff and EMA Director to name their wing of the proposed EOC/Sheriff's building. Unanimous.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Legal Counsel telephoned to continue the discussion from the Executive Session held earlier in the court session.

**\*\*A. Fowler moved, W. Shorey seconded to enter Executive Session according to M.R.S.R. Title 1 §405 6 (E) for a consultation with legal counsel concerning legal matters pertaining to the County's Health Insurance Plan at 9:26 a.m.**

**\*\*W. Shorey moved, A. Fowler seconded to come out of Executive Session at 9:33 a.m. Unanimous.**

No action was taken.

**\*\*W. Shorey moved, D. Berry seconded to adjourn the court session at 9:33 a.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by Barbara L. Arseneau  
Waldo County Clerk